

## BIDS ACCEPTED FOR PORTION OF SYSTEM

TWO UNITS OF WATER SYSTEM STILL TO BE LET—COUNCIL DEEMS OFFER TOO HIGH—CONTEST EVIDENT.

## CONTRACTOR MIXES FIGURES

Bidders Declare They Will Return For Second Effort—Company's Opposition Has No Effect on Contractors.

While checking over the details of the bids for the municipal water system last Thursday afternoon and evening the officials discovered that the individual items in the offer of C. E. Green of Ogden did not correspond with the attached totals. This led to the discovery that he had transposed the figures for redwood and fir pipe in such a manner that his redwood offer was lower than that of C. E. Helmer of Twin Falls, who was otherwise the low bidder.

Engineer Louis C. Kelsey was disposed to recommend the acceptance of Mr. Green's bid but the council after a lengthy executive session declined on the ground that the total of the bids lapped the offers beyond the limits of the bond issue, therefore the bids on items one and two were rejected. The first covered the general contract and the last the pumps. Items three and four were accepted, namely for the filtration system and for the tank and tower. The California Jewel company was awarded the contract for the filtration system and the Pittsburg-Des Moines company secured the contract for the tank and tower. This firm was not the lowest bidder but the Omaha Structural Steel company declined to sign a contract designating time of completion of the work.

Before the bids were awarded General Manager William T. Wallace asked permission to read his statement regarding the company's intention to contest the building system but did not do so when representatives of the bidding companies declared they knew the company's intention and were ready to proceed regardless of the company's attitude.

Prior to this the council had an executive session at which Mr. Wallace was given a hearing and at which he is said to have reduced the figure on the company's plant from \$20,000 to \$12,000, which offer was declined by the council.

During the day officials of the company are said to have declared that the company would build a new system of its own here.

After turning down the general contract and the bids for pumps the council ordered that new bids be called for, to be opened on March 15.

## RESTRICTIONS ON MAILING OF PARCELS

Office of the Postmaster General, Washington, March 28, 1918.—On and after April 1, 1918, parcels for members and individuals connected with the American Expeditionary forces in Europe shall not be accepted for mailing or dispatch unless they contain such articles only as are being sent at the written request of the sender.

mental commander or an executive officer of the organization with which the addressee, approved by his registration.

A. S. BURLESON,  
Postmaster General.

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The government of the United States, as a matter of National Defense, has recommended conservation of the resources of the country.  
In recognition of this suggestion, and the imperative necessity of keeping all business transactions in a sound condition in City, State and Nation, we respectfully urge that all bills rendered by merchants and manufacturers be paid in accordance with the terms of sale in order to keep trade in a normal state. This is a patriotic suggestion and merits the approval of all.  
ONTARIO COMMERCIAL CLUB.  
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## ARMY DESERTER ENDS FLIGHT IN ONTARIO

Marshal H. C. Farmer Finds D. R. Benton in Box Car—Was With Deserter Franklin, Who Was Shot at Huntington.

Marshal H. C. Farmer ended the flight of D. R. Benton, a deserter from Camp Lewis, early last Saturday morning when he found him sleeping in a box car in the yards here. On Tuesday two military police came from Tacoma and returned him to the camp.

Benton and a fellow soldier, named Franklin, according to his story told the marshal and Judge Stearns, overstayed their leave in Portland as the result of a spree and decided to make a break for liberty. They reached Huntington, where they entered a section house to get civilian clothes for Franklin and were caught coming from the house by the section foreman.

The section man pulled a gun on them and Benton scuffled with him. During the tussle the gun was discharged, wounding Franklin, who, seeing he was seriously hurt, told Benton to take care of himself. After leaving his pal Benton found he was being followed by a posse and sought refuge in the waters of Burnt river. In the icy stream he lay for more than an hour with the men close upon him. That was last Thursday night. He then swam the river and walked to Ontario Friday. While in the hands of the local officials he expressed only one regret, that of the disgrace his action would bring upon his people.

## STIMPSON ARRIVES IN RED CROSS CAR

Trip across State Grows Until It Assumes Aspect of Triumphant Tour—Red Cross Sells All Tickets And Makes \$505 on Car

After a 1400 mile tour in the Ford which was raffled off for the Red Cross, L. J. Simpson arrived in Ontario Wednesday night with a record of having personally interviewed almost 15 per cent of the voters in the territory through which he passed.

Mr. Simpson is a systematic and thorough campaigner and his tour of Eastern Oregon was based on a plan which included a personal interview with at least ten per cent of the voting strength of every community through which he went.

He left The Dalles two weeks ago and finding at Bend that it was impossible to cover the territory by depending on stages and ordinary modes of travel, the candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, bought the Ford which he donated to the Ontario chapter of the Red Cross.

The counties of Central and South-eastern Oregon have approximately 11,000 voters of all parties. There has been some increase since these figures were made but Mr. Simpson's record of having personally conveyed the principles of his platform to more than 1700 people while on his tour easily made his quota.

His platform speaks of development and while campaigning he took time to visit every irrigation and development project in the section of Oregon visited. In each case he took time enough to go over the works. A man of less physical strength could hardly have stood the grind of such a tour, for to make connections it was in one instance necessary to travel more than 100 miles at night. "This trip has been the most interesting experience of my life," said Mr. Simpson. "And to me the conditions which I found is to me the biggest reason for the development and cooperation of the whole state of which I speak in my platform."

"Politically, this tour has been wonderfully successful. I came to Eastern Oregon with my friends telling me not to expect too much. I can say without violating any confidences that in every community which I have visited I have left behind me circles of friends of the

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## Malheur County's Quota for Third Liberty Loan \$269,000

Ontario, Frank Rader, Chairman	\$78,850.00
Vale, G. P. Wildhaber, Chairman	55,000.00
Nysse, F. D. Hall, Chairman	21,400.00
Juntura, David Graham, Chairman	10,000.00
Westfall, Jack Fairman, Chairman	7,500.00
Jordan Valley, Thos. T. Kohout, Chairman	26,125.00
Brogan, J. A. Kennedy, Chairman	18,000.00
Ironsides, Ernest Lacey, Chairman	15,000.00
Crowley, C. Cook, Chairman	8,000.00
Big Bend, Guy Johnston, Chairman, Parma, Route No. 3.	8,000.00
Riverside, Duncan McRae, Chairman	8,000.00
Watson, Frank Palmer, Chairman	5,000.00
Dead Ox Flat, Otto C. Miller, Chm., Payette, Ida., Route 3	5,000.00
Sheaville, Jas. Maloy, Chairman	2,000.00
Rockville, Lee Strode, Chairman	4,000.00

## WILL OUR TOWN WIN AN HONOR FLAG?



In order to stimulate individual subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan, to create community activity and to mobilize, systemize and unify the initiative and energy of citizens and districts in the accomplishment of a national purpose, an honor flag and honor roll system has been adopted by the Treasury Department for the Third Liberty Loan.

1. A specially designed honor flag, officially adopted as the Third Liberty Loan flag, will be awarded to all communities upon their attainment of their assigned quota.
2. A small individual poster, containing a reproduction of the honor flag and a blank for the name of the subscriber, will be awarded to each subscriber for display in his home.
3. A large honor roll, containing at the top a reproduction of the honor flag and the slogan, "Help Our Town Win the Right to Fly This Flag," and below space for the names of all subscribers, will be posted in a conspicuous place in the community.
4. A large honor flag will be awarded to each state upon the attainment of its quota, the state flag to contain the names of those subordinate groups which have attained their quotas.
5. A national honor flag will be unfurled at Washington on which will be presented the returns from all the states.

## MALHEUR FUNDS WILL SEND HUNS ON RUN

WHOLE COUNTY AROUSED TO TASK—COMMITTEE SEEKS INCREASE IN QUOTAS ASSIGNED TO THEM

## JUDGE STEVENSON TO SPEAK

Ontarians Will Hear Well Known Portland Judge and With Him Will Come Soldier From the Trenches—County's Quota \$269,000.

Judge John H. Stevenson of the district bench of Multnomah county will be the orator of the day at the great patriotic rally with which Eastern Malheur county will launch its campaign of the Third Liberty Loan. His address will be delivered here in Ontario. With him will be a soldier returned from the trenches, Ontario to have that feature added to its program for the opening day, Saturday April 6. The officer who will be on the Ontario program is a Major in the Canadian army and saw service in the battle of Ypres.

While these speakers are presenting the issues of the campaign here, L. J. Simpson of Coos Bay will deliver the address at Vale and in the evening he will speak at the Nysse rally.

Preceding the address here there will be a Liberty Loan parade in which the citizens will form in procession and march to the hall led by the High School cadets with their band. No elaborate preparations are being made for this parade in the way of floats for the money that would have

thus been spent is to be used to buy bonds.

### Quotas Divided.

Malheur county's total quota is but \$269,000, less than half the amount originally expected by the committees. The method of payment is easy: five per cent at time of subscription, 20 per cent in May, 30 per cent July 5 and 40 per cent August 5.

During the past week the Liberty Loan flying squadron has reached the uttermost parts of the district. Everywhere good meetings have resulted and the interest is far more intense than in either of the previous drives.

Monday night R. W. Swagler and Rev. Herbert Livingston were at the Pioneer school house, where James C. Smith and Miss Luella Callin furnished the musical numbers. Tuesday night W. E. Lees and C. McGonagill spoke at Valley View and a quartette composed of Dr. W. J. Weese, Hugh Allen, S. M. Boucher and F. I. Stewart sang, as did W. E. Moseley. A meeting was also held at the Grange Hall, addressed by W. W. Wood and W. F. Homan. The music was furnished by Beaumont's orchestra and Jas. G. Smith. Wednesday night meetings were held at the Enterprise school house and at Park school house on Dead Ox Flat. The addresses were by R. W. Swagler and Rev. Herbert Livingston at Enterprise and W. W. Wood and C. McGonagill at Park. The music of the meetings was furnished by Mr. Smith and Miss Callin.

Tonight the campaigners go to the Annex school house near Weiser. W. W. Wood and C. McGonagill and R. W. Swagler speak and the Weiser Trio sings. Friday night R. W. Swagler is to speak at Brogan and the Weiser Trio will be among the musical features of that gathering.

## COUNCIL WOULD CURB ONTARIO'S LOAFERS

Consider Plans for Prohibiting Card Tables in Pool Halls—Clean Up Ordered—Petitions Laid on Table—Hearing on Sewer Necessary.

What to do to curb loafing in Ontario was one of the principal questions for discussion at the regular session of the council Monday evening. Various methods were discussed, among them a proposal to stop card playing in the pool rooms, where, according to Councilman C. R. Emison, "some men have grown gray-headed."

As the Council viewed it, the habits of the card tables have just grown an inertia playing or watching the games and they, themselves would be most benefited by being forced to abandon the useless occupation. No action was taken pending further discussion as to what steps can be taken.

The Council also ordered the regular spring clean-up and after hearing the petition of T. H. Moore, Dalton Biggs, W. T. Weese, E. A. Fraser and others or an examination of the plans of the proposed new water system on Maple street it was laid on the table until the petitioners could be interviewed.

In the matter of the Eastside sewer it having been found that the route proposed in the original petition was not feasible, a hearing will be necessary before the route can be changed. The regular bills were paid.

Also in view of the work being done about the city it was determined to increase the police force by returning Marion Jones to the night shift and Marshal Farmer was assigned to the day job.

## ONTARIO MAN SEEKS SENATORIAL TOGA

Will R. King Announces Determination to Seek Democratic Nomination—Wants Long Term—Has Trinity for Platform.

Will R. King, chief council of the United States Reclamation Service, whose voting residence is in Ontario, and from whence he has emerged from time to time to take public office, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

Official word to this effect was received by his local supporters this week in the shape of a copy of his declaration to the Secretary of State. In the preamble to this he declares he will seek the long term, and if not nominated will not seek the nomination of any other party, and he further declares:

"If nominated and elected I will during my term of office unreservedly support President Wilson's war aims, and the Administration in the reconstruction necessary after war for a greater Democracy, industrially and politically. Am for development of protection of human and property rights, human rights first; for the best in the world for the boys in the trenches; and through Federal aid for reclamation of all arid, swamp and logged-off lands, and for good roads and the improvement of the national parks. My record in Legislature, on bench, and in Reclamation Service guarantees my promises.

Words to be printed after my name on the official ballot: "My trinity: Uphold the Administration; Support Our Soldier Boys; Develop Oregon's Resources."

## FOUR FOR ARMY CAMP FORWARDED BY LIBRARY

Ontario has fallen behind in the procession of communities that are sending books to the soldier boys. The drive last fall was just below the quota and since then little action has been taken. Those who have books are urged to go over them and bring any they can spare to the Carnegie Library and they will be boxed and forwarded from there.

## CITY AND COUNTY TO WELCOME STOCKMEN

ALL HOTEL SPACE ALREADY RESERVED AND URGENT CALL IS OUT FOR MORE LIBERAL OFFERS OF ROOMS.

## SPEAKERS COMING FROM AFAR

Home Talent to Furnish Entertainment Features—Big Banquet Set for Ford Garage—Women to Have Luncheon and Auto Rides.

Malheur county is preparing for the entertainment of Oregon's stockmen. Committees with the various duties connected with the proper handling of so important a gathering have their work started and assurance may be given that the work will be done.

At a luncheon last Saturday S. O. Correll, secretary of the Cattle & Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, the official title of the body to be entertained outlined the plans for the business sessions and gave a brief history of the previous conventions as a guide for the local committees.

The convention will open Tuesday, April 23, and conclude its program the next day. On the first day there will be a luncheon for the visiting ladies and an auto ride. In the evening there will be a home talent production at Dreamland, followed by a dance at the Opera House. Early the next morning there will be a buckaroo breakfast at the Fair grounds and in the evening there will be the annual banquet at the Ford garage.

The following chairmen have been appointed to take charge of the various portions of the entertainment: Ladies' luncheon, Mrs. Walter Glenn; room committee, Mrs. W. W. Letson; reception, E. A. Fraser; music and entertainment, Hugh Allen; automobiles, E. C. VanPetten; decorations, Sam Cream. The general committee is looking after the banquet as yet.

### More Rooms Needed.

There will be about 500 guests in Ontario that week and so far provision has been made for half that number. Of course not all of the city has been covered by the committee but a generous response will have to be made by the balance of the city if Ontario is to make good in this its effort as a convention city. Any one who has a room or a bed to spare, or can arrange one somehow, is urged to aid in this work by getting in touch with the committee. This can be done at once.

While Ontario is the scene of the convention the cattle men of the entire county are providing a large percentage of the entertainment fund and have pro-rated their share of the expense and are collecting the funds now, Ontario will then be called on to provide the balance needed.

### ORDINATION SERVICE.

The people of Ontario will have an opportunity to see how preachers are made and by what ceremonies they are conducted into their peculiar office by attending the meetings of an Ordination Council to be held at the Congregational church, Thursday, April 11th.

Mr. Plank, the candidate for "holy orders," is the leader in the community church movement, recently launched at Huntington, an undertaking in which he has had phenomenal success. The banker, the merchants and railroad men, most of whom had not previously been inside a church, at least for many years, are enthusiastically uniting in the community effort.

Mr. Plank is a man of good Eastern college training, holding both a bachelor's and a master's degree from Columbia university, New York City.

The council will meet to examine the candidates at 3 p. m. A public service of ordination will be held at 8 o'clock, Thursday, April 11th. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Hon. John A. Stevenson of Portland, and a soldier sent from the trenches will speak at the City Hall at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 6th, just after the patriotic parade.